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THE OBSERVATOR.

The new Complaint againſt the Obſervator. *The* Obſervator *Bound Over upon that Complaint. The* Country-mans *Vindication of himſelf. The* Obſervator's *Vindication of himſelf. The* Obſervator's *Propoſals.*

From Saturday September the 15th, to Wednesday September the 19th, 1705.

Country-m. MAſter, I hope you'll now Explain your ſelf about what we were talking the laſt time we met.

Obſ. Why, I am Bound *Over* on a freſh Proſecution by reaſon of your Saucineſs.

Country-m. If all the Saucy People were Bound *Over*—— well, I'll keep it in,—— others would be Bound *Over* beſides your ſelf: But what have I ſaid? What have I done?

Obſ. You have ſpoken *Treaſon* againſt the *Pope* and the *Emperor*, in Numb. 44. of our Diſcourſes.

Country-m. Look'ye, Maſter, the Great People at *White-Hall*, God bleſs 'em, I don't know 'em, and God preſerve my Eye-ſight, I don't care whether ever I ſee 'em; but at every turn they are Binding you *Over* for what I ſay. They know well enough you and I love the *Queen* as well as any of 'em, and we have one Advantage over 'em, they can't ſay we love Her for *Intereſt*; and, Maſter, I, my Country ſelf, Honeſt *Roger*, will make it plainly appear, that you, Maſter *Obſervator*, have done more Service to your *Queen* and *Country* than any one Man in *England*.

Obſ. I thank you for that: But how will you Vindicate your ſelf? The *Emperors Envoy* has made a Complaint againſt you, you have call'd the *Pope* the *He-Whore* of *Babylon*, and the *Emperor* his Son.

Country-m. Maſter, I remember in King *James*'s time when the *Popes Nuncio* was in *England*, we all ſpoke againſt'n, I don't know whether the *Emperor* has an *Nuncio* here or no; and as for Mr. *Envoy* I an't acquainted with him; but I am ſure I never ſpoke againſt the *Queen*.

Obſ. That's nothing to the purpoſe; your Ears are Horns, if ſome People pleaſe to call 'em ſo.

Country-m. I do Poſitively ſay that the *Pope* is the *He-Whore* of *Babylon*. All our *Divines* affirm That he is the *Whore* of *Babylon*, and he muſt be a *He-Whore* becauſe is a Man, and there has been no *She-Whore* of *Babylon* ſince *Pope Joan*. And the *Pope* is *Spiritual Father* to all the *Popiſh Princes*, and of Conſequence the *Emperor* is his *Son*.

Now, Maſter, I have got a Fancy in my Head, that the *Engliſh Papiſts* put the *Emperors Envoy* upon making this Complaint againſt you, they hate you Mortally upon Account of ſome Books you have written againſt them. And I'll ſay that for 'em, what by means of their Friends, either *Foreign Papiſts* or *Engliſh High-Flyers*, they have ſtill ſecured themſelves from Trouble. The Author of the *Exorbitant-Grants of King* William was a *Papiſt*, and tho' in that Book was contain'd the moſt horrid *Treaſon* imaginable, yet he was never *Proſecuted* for the ſame. And, pray, what are become of the *Popiſh Prieſts*, not long ſince taken with their *Trinckets*? What is become of the *Jacobite Conventicle* where the *Preacher* was taken? Who looks after thoſe *Conventicles*, tho' we have five or ſix of 'em in one Street? I would not have you turn *Papiſt*, or write *Treaſon*, tho' you find 'tis the ſafeſt way. You had better ſtand in Defence of your own *Innocence*, as you have done; and if you'll ſtand the *Emperors Envoy* in Point of *Law*, I'll ſtand the *Pope* with the Point of my *Pitch-Fork*, I'll uſe the Argument of the *Flail* againſt him, and will thwack his *Eccleſiaſtical Political Body* at ſuch a rate, that neither He nor any of his Inſtruments ſhall make any Complaints againſt you.

And if the *Emperors Envoy* wanted the *Engliſh Subjects* to be Bound *Over* for things of this Nature, he might ha' found work enough for the *Secretaries* of *State*, had he frequented the *Coffee-Houſes* in *London*, upon the News of the Duke of *Marlboroughs* diſappointment on the *Moſelle*. We are ſure the diſappointments of this *Campaign* cannot reſt on our Duke; but ſome-body is in the fault, and we hope the *Parliament* will ſet the *Saddle* on the right *Horſe*.

Obſ. 'Tis true what you ſay, Honeſt *Countryman*, the Books written by *Papiſts*, and others, againſt the *Queens Right* have paſt with *Impunity*. But you know the *Exorbitant-Grants of King* William, was written in the time of the late *Miniſtry*, and was more properly under their *Cognizance*.

Country-m. I think 'tis never too late to *Proſecute* ſo monſtrous a *Libel*. And, hark-ye, Maſter, was not *James Taylor*, the *Tanner*, *Proſecuted* and put in the *Pillory* this Reign, for words that he ſpoke in the laſt. And during this *Miniſtry*, what de'ye think of the *Hiſtory of Faction*, &c. and of the *Rehearſal*, I think 'tis Number 50. in which is contain'd the higheſt *Treaſon*. Some Honeſt Members of *Parliament* have told me, that they'l lay that Paper before the Houſe the next *Seſſions*.

Obſ. And if they do, I am ſure they'l never put up ſuch an *Affront* given our *Conſtitution*. But after all, we have written againſt them, in Defence of the *Engliſh Conſtitution*, and the *Queens Right* to the *Crown*, we are *Proſecuted* and they are not.

But to the Caſe in hand, the *New Complaint* againſt *Us*. When I know my ſelf Guilty of no *Crime*, I muſt always ſtand in my own Vindication, for *Truth* is to be aſſerted and not given up. If I am Guilty of *Slips* or *Over-ſights*, or *Sins* of *Ignorance*, our *Miniſters* will allow no *Sins Venial* in the *Obſervator*, whatever they may do in others. We had an under *Secretary* diſplac'd ſome time ſince, perhaps for ſome ſuch Trivial Offence, as Correſponding with *France*, &c. we han't yet heard that he has been Proſecuted: We have ſome Men ſo very quick ſighted, that they ſpy a *Mote* in ſome Mens Eyes, but can't behold a *Beam* in Others. But this is our Comfort, if we ſee clearly the *True Intereſt* of

of our *Country*, if we can diſcern betwixt *Truth* and *Error*, and engage bravely in the Cauſe of *Truth*, we may keep ſafe Conſciences in deſpight of Outward Oppoſition.

I ever thought it an *Engliſhmans Priviledge* to give his Opinion in Matters relating to the *Utility* and *Profit* of the *Realm*, whether about *Home* or *Foreign Occurrences*; for tho' every Man is not actually concern'd in the Adminiſtration of *Publick Affairs*, yet every one having a Stake in the Hedge of *Engliſh Liberty*, ought to endeavour the Support and Maintainance of that Stake for the good of himſelf and Poſterity; tho' at the ſame time I do not allow that Private Perſons ſhall write againſt our *Conſtitution*, as the *Rehearſal* and others; nor is it my fault that they do ſo.

Some People are very angry that I ſhould propoſe a *War* againſt their *Holy Father* the *Pope*; but I think the Reaſon of the *Emperors Envoy* withdrawing from the Court of *Rome*, gave greater occaſion for the *Emperor* to break with the *Pope*, than any thing I have ſaid gave occaſion to his *Envoy* in *England* to complain againſt me. Perhaps that Gentleman thought upon his Complaint I ſhould have been immediately Suppreſs'd, and ſo the *Engliſh Papiſts* would have had an Enemy remov'd out of their way; but by this he'll find the difference betwixt *Slaves* and *Freemen*, and before I have done with this Subject he'll know how far the People of *England* have the *Liberty* of Vindicating their own *Innocency*.

In order to which, againſt this Complaint we ſhall be forc'd into ſome Subjects, which otherwiſe would have lain *Dormant*, and never have been enquir'd into. As,

1. We muſt make out the Ballance of the Account of the *Proteſtant Blood* betwixt the Houſes of *Auſtria* and *Bourbon*.

2. We muſt ſhow the Influence the *Pope* has over his *Eccleſiaſtical Children*, to the Prejudice of the *Proteſtant Intereſt*.

3. We muſt prove that the *Pope* is *Jure Diabolico* and not *Jure Divino*, the Father of *Temporal Princes*.

4. If we have not done it ſufficiently already, we muſt ſhow the Diſadvantages of *Proteſtants* Confederating with *Popiſh Powers*.

5. We muſt diſcover the Encouragement given the *Engliſh Papiſts* by ſuch Treaties. And

6. That what we have ſaid, or ſhall ſay on theſe Subjects, ſhall have a Tendency to the good of *England*, and the *Emperor* himſelf, as well as our own Vindication.

And in order hereunto I would deſire all Honeſt Gentlemen that have a Love for the *Proteſtant Religion*, and a Deteſtation of the *Cruelties* of the Perſecutors thereof, that have any valuable Accounts by them, in relation to the aforeſaid Articles, to ſend 'em to me, at Mr. *John Hows*, in *Talbot-Court*,

Where, in a few Weeks time, I will leave a Propoſal for putting the Laws in Execution againſt the *Papiſts*, by the Voluntary Subſcription of *Proteſtant Gentlemen*, which will ſoon turn to the Advantage of the Subſcribers, we having already made diſcovery of Lands given to *Superſtitious Uſes*, which, beſides other Penalties on *Popiſh Recuſants*, will make ample Satisfaction and Profit to the Subſcribers.

Country-m. Well ſaid, Maſter *Obſervator*, I'll be the firſt that ſhall Subſcribe to this Project. Here's to its good Succeſs with all my Spirit. Come, come, I have got a Load or two of *Wheat* yet left to ſpend in a Good Cauſe; and while I have it you ſhan't want it.

But, Maſter, now it comes into my Head, Mr. *Envoy* need not ha' been ſo very forward in Complaining againſt you, if you had made ſome ſmall ſlip againſt his Maſter; it is juſt now come into my Noddle, that once upon a time I was with you at a Tavern, where you were Drinking with a Gentleman newly come from *Vienna*, and he told you, I remember it very well, That the *Papiſhes* in that Country, in their Prayers did pray to God to Confound our *Queen*, by praying for the Confuſion of *Heretical Princes*, of which Number our *Queen*, in their Senſe, is one.

And I very well remember he told us, That at *Vienna* he was Drinking with ſome of the *Emperors* Servants, who Drank *Confuſion* to all *Heretick Princes*, and would have had him done the like, but he refuſed it, telling them, *He knew they meant the Queen of* England *as one, and he would not Drink his Queens Confuſion*; but told them, *That if they would let him Pledge that Health by Drinking Confuſion to all* Popiſh Princes, *he would ſubmit, and let them Drink the other Health*, which they refuſing, he went his way.

Now, Maſter, I am ſure I never knew you Drink *Confuſion* to the *Emperor*; but on the contrary, you have Vindicated his *Right* to the *Crown* of *Spain*, the moſt of any Man in *England*, and I ſhould rather have thought, that the *Emperors Envoy* ſhould have Preſented you with a good Bag of Money for the Services you have done his Maſter, than to have Preſented a Complaint againſt you to the *Secretary* of *State*.

Obſ. A Man with half an Eye may ſee thro' theſe things. They'll have me either fore-ſtroke or back, at Hedge, or at Stile, but the ſame Providence that has hitherto preſerv'd me, and found out a way for me to eſcape, I truſt will ſtill be my Defence, I ſhall ſtill Vindicate the Liberties of *Engliſhmen*, and the *Queens* Right to the Crown, upon *Revolution Principles* againſt all Oppoſers; and if I find any thing in *Foreign Occurences* that may affect the *Particular Intereſt* of *England*, I don't think my ſelf in a Fault, if I take it under my Conſideration. Pray bring me the News the next time you go to Town.

Country-m. That I will, Maſter, and good News too, I hope. Come, Maſter, one Bumper to the *Queen*, and ſo to Bed.

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